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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO ACTION DATED MAY 16, 2001

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A machine-based method comprising:  
analyzing a message to derive response information concerning a commercial transaction,  
the message comprising at least part of a message sent to a customer and a response of a  
customer to the message, and,  
based on the derived information, automatically generating commercial transaction data  
in a format that is usable to automatically complete the commercial transaction,  
the message and the response being entirely email-based.

3. ~~(Amended)~~ <sup>Cancel</sup> The method of claim 1 in which the message comprises at least part of  
a message sent to a customer and responses of the customer to the message.

4. (Twice amended) A machine-based method comprising:

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